

Clean Version of Amended Claims

1. A method for providing utility consumption data to a utility consumer, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving metering data from a utility meter located at a remote facility operated by said utility customer, wherein said metering data is electronically transmitted from said utility meter to a data processing system;

calculating billing data using said metering data at said data processing system;

storing said metering data and said billing data electronically at said data processing system; and

reporting said metering data and said billing data electronically from said data processing system to said utility customer.